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Newsletter #206:

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Hello coin enthusiasts! It has been quite a long time since my last newsletter, which was April. Fortunately I updated everyone on the spring auctions and now the summer months are typically less active in terms of auctions. That isn't to say that there are no desirable pieces to be had in the summer months. The one major auction house to host a larger sale with a catalog was Roma. This two-day sale was just after the July 4th holiday. Leu Numismatik followed up with a massive 6-day electronic sale with over 7,000 coins. Great for Leu but I long for the days with auctions having a reasonable amount of coins. This is purely my opinion but having that many coins tires the customers out. Thankfully I had my assistant Tyler helping me out otherwise I would have likely not participated. Despite it being the summer there are some notable events coming up.

What's New at the ANS
The ANS continues to excel at the art of interaction with their members. Weekly Long Table discussions are a must (Fridays at 1 p.m. EST). For those of you that can't make the discussion live you have the possibility to view them on YouTube. I highly recommend this because there is a wealth of information and extremely knowledgeable scholars that give those talks. Museum curators from all over the world are just one example of the presenters involved in the "talks". The next Long Table, No. 147, is What's New at the Newman Portal with Len Augsburger and Kim Dumas. This should be a fascinating discussion and helpful for those that want to do numismatic research.

Here is a link to YouTube with all the presentations.

Coming this Fall there will certainly be another ANS Lyceum being offered. These courses are Wednesdays from 12:30-2 p.m. EST and focus on one overall theme. Past Lyceums courses were: Iconic Women of the Ancient World, Numismatic Methods and Theories, Judaea and Biblical Numismatics, Money of the United States, Photography Workshop, Coins of Rome, Coins from the Archaic and Hellenistic Periods and finally Collection Management and Coin Preservation. The six-week courses are extremely informative and function almost like an online university course. I've personally taken online courses through Stanford and these are just as good if not better. Members pay $100 and non-members $250. Just another reason to join the ANS.

What's New at the ANA
The ANA recently launched a brand new website. Being on the board I was involved in this process and I am pleased that it has finally happened. Hopefully the new navigation will make the site easier for collectors and dealers to access. You should check it out if you have time.

As most of you know that read my newsletters, I opted not to run again for the board. I felt like a break was necessary after serving two terms. The new board was made public on July 1 and I'm excited for them to take the ANA in a forward motion. A big congratulations to our new ANA President Tom Uram and Vice-President Mark Lighterman. They both are fantastic guys and have innovative ideas for the ANA. I'm sure they will do a great job.

The World's Fair of Money is about 3 weeks away and is taking place in Pittsburgh, PA from August 8-12. I will be located at booth 512. I hope to see some of you there. As with all ANA conventions there will be events, meaningful discussions on coins and of course opportunities to buy. Here is a link regarding the convention.

Greg Lyon, Former ANA Board Governor and Current Parliamentarian (1971-2023)

person I know that actually was on the show Jeopardy with Alex Trebek. Not many people can put that on their resume! In addition to being a smartypants, Greg was dedicated like no other to the ANA. He was interested in coins from an early age and was extremely active in the YN program at the ANA. He also was Young Numismatist of the Year in 1989. He worked as a YN chaperone at the ANA summer seminar in Colorado Springs. Finally Greg served the maximum allowable terms as board governor and since we didn't want to lose him he accepted to be our parliamentarian when Mark Lighterman decided to run for the board. The ANA has set up a fund in Greg's honor for the YN program. Think about donating if you would like to donate to a cause that was dear to Greg's heart and also helps young people get involved in numismatics. Here is a link. Greg's fund is on the pull down menu under fund selection.

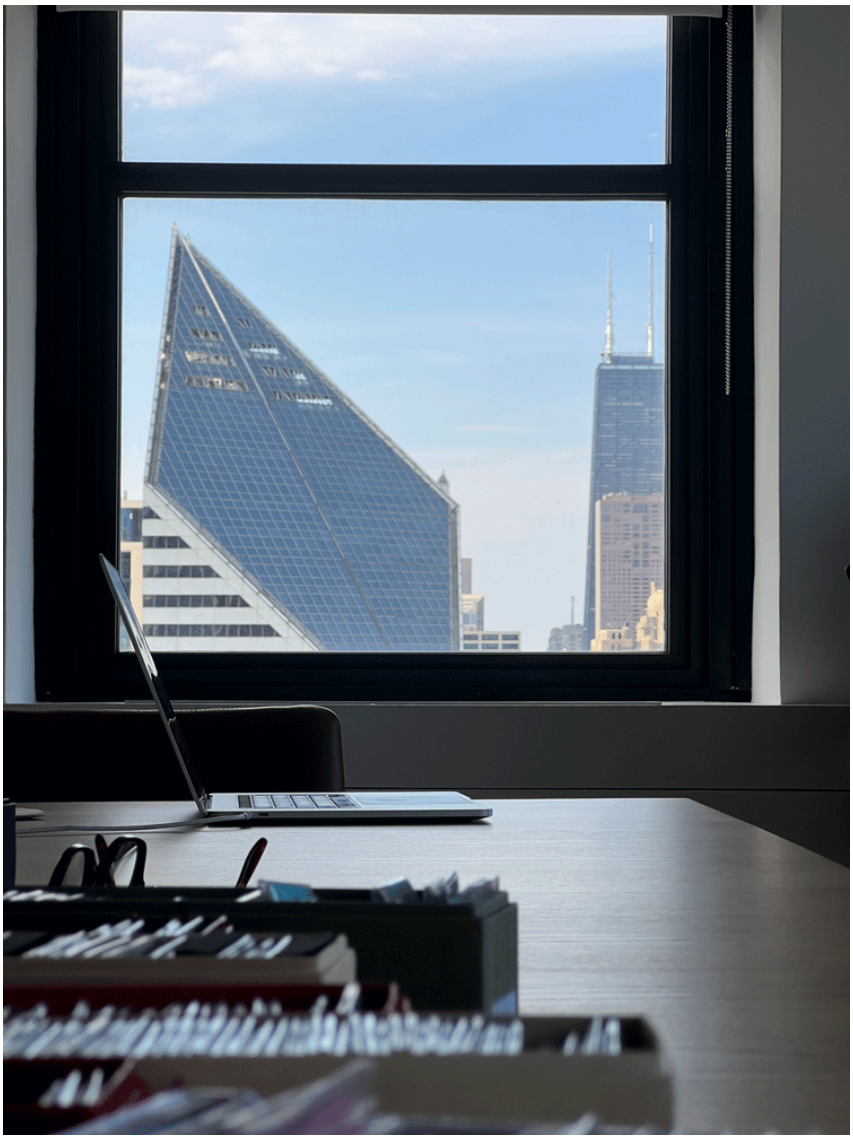
Künker ELive 78 (17-20 July)
Künker has their 78th ELive sale starting July 17 and going through the 20th. There are 2,970 lots over those three days and all types of coinage from ancient Greek, Roman and Byzantine to world coinage are being offered. In day's past, electronic auctions were generally lower end material. This is becoming somewhat of a generalization with the amount of material that is being offered. While the vast majority are not worthy of a live auction there are plenty of hidden gems. Künker also tends to have coins with pedigrees so it is worthwhile to do a search on the area you collect to see what they are offering. Künker offers a wonderful online platform for bidding for the electronic sales (as with their live sales) so make sure to open an account so you can bid. Please let me know if I can assist.

Roma ELive 7 and "A Highly Interesting Collection of Byzantine Coins" (17-18 July)
Roma has their 7th ELive auction on the 17th with 686 coins. This is not an electronic sale but a live auction. It will not change the bidding procedure but there will be more auction house/bidder interaction than a normal electronic auction. The sale has 116 migratory coins (this includes plenty of barbarous contemporary imitations of late Roman rulers, Vandals, Visigoth and Ostrogoth coinage). The next section is composed of 34 coins from the Lombards. Finally the lionshare of the collection are medieval and world coins. This isn't a terribly exciting sale but I do think that if you are searching for a particular piece it isn't a bad idea to do a search within the catalog for it.

The Byzantine collection that comes the following day is made up of 394 interesting Byzantine pieces. There are some greater rarities within the collection but the quality isn't always the best. Byzantine specialists will likely be interested in this sale.

I will be participating so please get in touch if you need help.

Visiting at 8 S. Michigan
My offices are now open at 8 S. Michigan and ready for visitors. Should you find yourself in the Chicago area please call me to schedule an appointment. We offer coin viewing of SSNI and NAC USA stock as well as access to our library. You can call the office number (312-883-8541) or my mobile (708-655-4836). Interested persons can also email at shanna@shannaschmidt.com



Coin of the Week

[S] ZENOBIA AVG, draped bust to r., wearing stephane, set on crescent / IVNO REG[INA], Juno standing facing, head to l., holding patera and sceptre, peacock standing to l. at her feet; star in l. field.

References: RIC V 2 corr. (star not noted); Bland, Coinage 29, e–k, dies 45/Jun ii; Carson, Zenobia 3; MIR 47, 360b/0; BN 1267a

Grade: In unusually good condition for type. Rough surfaces but clear imagery, particularly on the side with Zenobia. aEf for issue
Price: $6,500

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Zenobia is a woman of legend. In the fashion of Cleopatra, Zenobia was said to have been powerful and successful despite her gender. She was the wife of Odaenathus, the King of the Palmyrene Empire in Syria. He was successful in defeating the Sasanians in their campaigns against the Syrians. When Odaenathus died suddenly in 267 AD, Zenobia oversaw their young son's rule as his regent. She was successful in expanding her empire in the Roman east. When the Roman emperor Aurelian campaigned against her in 272 AD, she declared her son Vaballathus emperor and herself empress. After heavy fighting between the Syrians and the Romans, Zenobia was captured and spent her last years in Rome where she was exiled along with her son.

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Until next week!
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